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Community *notes*

Make unFAIRgettable Memories at the Maryland State Fair

The Timonium Fairgrounds (2200 York Road, Lutherville-Timonium) proudly hosts the State Fair. Tickets are available [online](#) or at the gate.



The State Fair has brought joy and wonder to kids and adults alike for more than a century. This year, from Thursday, August 25 through Monday, September 5, the whole family can take part in this great

Maryland tradition. The fun begins with Preview/Ridemanian night on Thursday when the Midway and some livestock shows open. The rest of the fun, including thoroughbred racing, Midway rides, games and food, starts on Friday, August 26.

The Fair recognizes the enduring appeal of Maryland's citizens, students and 4-H and FFA members to share their talents and compete for ribbons, prizes and bragging rights. The Fair's buildings, barns and stages provide space for thousands of fairgoers to appreciate the exhibits, learn from the exhibitors, and consider entering a future fair.



The Fair also features the thrills and chills, sights, sounds and aromas of numerous Midway and Kidde Land rides, games and food stands. For those with a more local palate, the Maryland Foods Pavilion and Dairy Bar showcase fresh-from-the-farm and Chesapeake Bay food and drinks.

Greetings

This week, we highlight ways that you can learn to salsa or foxtrot, volunteer with a non-profit, or participate in CA's educational series...it's all here in Howard County.

Hope that you find something that will be enlightening and fun.

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Things To Do at the Fair

Events and exhibits:

- 135th Anniversary Fireworks
- State Fair Grand Parade
- Thoroughbred Horse Races
- Bull Riding and Cowgirl Barrel Racing
- Sheep Herding Demonstrations
- Uprooted Chainsaw Performance Art Show
- Arm Wrestling Tournaments
- 4-H Alumni Cake Auction
- Oyster Alley— giving visitors a chance to learn about Maryland oyster aquaculture while sampling local oysters
- U-Learn Farm- teaching fairgoers of all ages how agriculture impacts their daily lives
- Team Purebred Barnyard Olympics



Concerts everyone can enjoy:



- Charlie Puth
- Ruth B
- Bobby Bones
- Jana Kramer
- Route 66
- The Rat Pack
- The Beach Bumz

11th Annual Health & Community Day

The Howard County [NAACP Youth Council](#) cordially welcomes all to its Health & Community Day on Saturday, August 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join the fun at Ridgely's Run Community Center (8400 Mission Road, Jessup) and take part in free food, entertainment, fitness demonstrations, health screenings, and more! For more information, contact Mia Robinson by [email](#).



Shop for a Cause

Macy's and The Arc of Howard County invite customers to participate in Macy's 11th annual national "Shop For A Cause" charity shopping event. The [Arc of Howard County](#) is selling special Macy's savings passes for \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to the Arc's efforts to raise funds and awareness for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Savings passes can be used at all Macy's stores Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28. The Shop For A Cause offer is a weekend shopping pass discount of 25% (some restrictions/exclusions may apply) on regular, sale and clearance merchandise, 10% on electrics/electronics, watches, furniture, mattresses and rugs/floor coverings, plus you will be eligible to win a \$500.00 Macy's gift card. To purchase savings passes, contact Keyanna Turner at 410-730-0638 or stop by the Resource Development office at The Arc (11735 Homewood Road, Ellicott City).

Whirlwinds and Instrument Zoo

Candlelight Concert Society hosts this delightful introduction to orchestral instruments for future young musicians and their families on Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Historic Oakland (5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia). You will be treated to a performance by the professional woodwind quintet, Quintaero. Children can learn about the instruments and try out the flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn after the performance. [Tickets](#) are available online.

Dance Classes: Salsa and Foxtrot

The Town Center Community Association at [Historic Oakland](#) (5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia) offers beginning dance classes on Monday nights, September 12 - October 3. Salsa classes take place 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Learn the foundations of the social dance that originated in New York City. Following the salsa class from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m., participants can learn the Foxtrot. These dance styles mix well together and provide a good foundation in leading and following techniques. Partners are welcome but not required. Tickets for these classes are available [online](#).



Food Bank Seeks Volunteers

The [Community Action Council](#) is looking for volunteers to help sort the generous influx of donations received in the wake of the flooding in Ellicott City. Sorting through the donations - checking for dings and dents, confirming expiration dates, organizing them - will help the organization quickly and efficiently get supplies into the hands of those who need it most. CAC is looking for 25 volunteers each day to meet at 9017 Mendenhall Court, Suite C, in Columbia. The minimum age for this opportunity is 16 years-old, but children from 9-15 years-old are welcome to help if accompanied by a parent/guardian. In other words, this is a great volunteer opportunity for families! If you have any questions, please email [Dorcas Schindehette](#). To sign-up, please click on the link that corresponds with the date and time that interests you to sign-up via Volunteer Howard. Your help can make a difference.

[Wednesday](#), August 24, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

[Thursday](#), August 25, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund Challenge



Since launching the Re-create: Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund, the Arts Council has raised more than \$15,000 in gifts and pledges to aid the artists affected by the devastating floods on their long road to rebuilding. One very generous donor is challenging all

HCAC members and community members to give and has pledged to match up to \$1,000 in individual contributions. If you'd like to take part, donations can be made to the Re-create: Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund at HCAC's [Support the Arts](#) website (please include Re-create: EC Artist Relief Fund in the purpose section).

Are you looking for other ways to help? The Center for the Arts has extended the current exhibit, Paint It! Ellicott City 2016, which showcases artwork created during the July 2016 plein air paint-out, until the end of September, with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of this work donated to the fund. Several Paint It! artists have already generously agreed to donate 100% of their sales to help the relief effort. Stop by in person (8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City) or see their gallery [online](#) to pick from available paintings. You are also invited to attend the closing reception for Paint It! on Friday, September 30 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for a great opportunity to reconnect with local artists and arts organizations, or make a contribution to Re-create. The Center for the Arts also invites local galleries to set up pop-up shops during the reception on September 30 to benefit the fund.



25th Annual Police Pace

The Howard County Police Foundation hosts its 25th [Police Pace](#), a 5K race and one-mile fun walk at Centennial Park (10000 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City) on Sunday, September 11. The 9/11 Memorial Ceremony proceeds the race events at 8:30 a.m. The race takes place at 9:11 a.m. An awards ceremony and door prizes follow at conclusion of the race.



Excite Columbia Citizen Academy

Since 2013, Excite Columbia has educated and informed residents with an in-depth view of how the Columbia Association (CA) operates and serves the community through its many departments and programs. [Excite Columbia](#) returns for the Fall 2016 session, and is now open for registration. The free six-week program begins Tuesday, September 20 and concludes October 26. Classes are held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at CA Headquarters, 6310 Hillside Court.

Each week, expert speakers will present information and answer questions on a variety of topics:

- Tuesday, September 20, Community Vision
- Wednesday, September 28, My Columbia Association
- Tuesday, October 4, Fiscal Responsibility
- Monday, October 10, Fitness and Sustainability
- Tuesday, October 18, Quality of Life: CA's Open Spaces
- Wednesday, October 26, Graduation

The program is open to anyone 18 or older interested in learning more about CA. [Registration](#) for the program is required, as there is limited seating. For more information, please contact Abby Rose by [email](#) or by phone at 410-423-4105.

Woods in Your Backyard

The Office of Community Sustainability reminds us that land, wooded or not, is a vital resource. By enhancing or creating natural areas and woodland on your lot, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife, and improved water quality.

The Howard County Forestry Board is offering a workshop on how to manage, expand or create Woods in Your Backyard. The class is divided into two parts, held on Thursdays, on September 29 and October 6, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Maryland Extension Office (3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240, Ellicott City). Tickets are \$25.00 per individual or \$30.00 per couple. Cost includes materials and light refreshments. Find more information and the registration form on the Howard County Forestry Board's [Woods in Your Backyard](#) page.



Upcoming Events

Lil' Stars

Saturday, August 27, 11:00—11:30 a.m.

Robinson Nature Center

6692 Cedar Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

Let your little one discover outer space through views of the stars and planets, stories and song, for ages three and up. Each month there is a focus on a different theme. For the month of August, your Lil' Stars will explore "Jupiter and the Gas Giants". [Preregister](#) to secure your seats, and please arrive 5-10 minutes before the program so it may begin promptly. Tickets are \$3.00 per person with daily admission or Robinson annual pass.

Building with Biology

Saturday, August 27, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

Maryland Science Center

601 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

Take part in hands-on activities to learn more about synthetic biology and meet scientists who work in the field. [Building with Biology](#) provides a special opportunity for scientists and the public to interact directly and learn from each other's ideas and opinions. This emerging field is exploring ways that man-made biological materials could help solve global problems. Participation is free with paid admission.

Harriet Tubman Day

Saturday, September 17, 1:00—6:00 p.m.

Ridgely Run Community Center

8400 Mission Road
Jessup, MD 20794

Celebrate Harriet Tubman High School's legacy of achievement and excellence. Join the Harriet Tubman Foundation, Inc. for food, school tours (3-4pm), music, vendors, displays, and activities for children. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For tickets or more information, please reach out to Roberta Kelly at 410-409-5102 or Bessie Bordenave at 443-280-1935.



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